

# FISCAL NOTE

## HB 2525

February 1, 2006

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) to:

- design and develop a plan for expanding qualifying high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes to high occupancy toll (HOT) lanes based upon existing and estimated future highway traffic levels.
- report the status of its design and development plan no later than February 1, 2007 to the House and Senate Transportation Committees.
- seek approval of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to implement HOT lanes where appropriate.

### ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

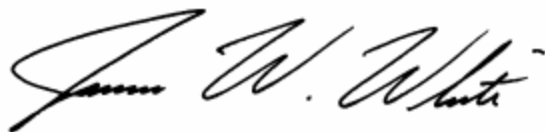
#### Increase State Expenditures – Less than \$100,000 One-Time/Highway Fund

Assumptions:

- HOT lane means a designated lane that allows single occupancy vehicles to gain access to HOV lanes by paying a toll set by the TDOT.
- According to TDOT, the gathering of necessary information and data needed to develop such a plan would require the hiring of a consultant.
- The increase of state expenditures for hiring a consultant is estimated to be between \$50,000 and \$100,000.
- Implementation of any plan approved by the FHWA would be contingent upon the passage of subsequent legislation.
- The estimate provided herein is for the cost of conducting a feasibility study exclusively.

### CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director